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Flight Operations
Headquarters

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Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations
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Statewide flight operations flew a total of 29 missions during the month of January for a total of 99.2 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
16	59.3	60	Speed Enforcement
11	36.2	36	Prisoner Transport
2	3.7	4	Line Patrol

29 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; 16 were flown. 9 missions were cancelled due to inclement weather, 2 were cancelled due to a lack of manpower, 1 for a safestat meeting and 1 due to a rescheduled day off for a holiday.

Two of the speed enforcement missions in the Southern Command were conducted with commercial troopers participating in the "Badge on Board" special enforcement program whereby vehicles committing traffic violations against and around commercial vehicles are targeted.

A total of 479 enforcement actions were taken. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	424
Hazardous	11
Non-Hazardous	36
Seat belt	8

During the course of speed enforcement and line patrol, 15 motorists were assisted. One DUI arrest was made. The high speed for the month occurred in the Southern Command- a black Dodge sedan was clocked at 119 mph near Hidden Valley.

Of regional significance:

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Southern Command

New enforcement marks have been added along I-15 and SR 160. Local rural Sergeants have commented local residents have become accustomed to certain areas and as a result speed has decreased. However, they have experienced an increase in speed in other areas. 3 new sites along these routes have been added as a result.

Two inmate prisoners transports were conducted this month with the aircraft. One prisoner was wanted on a \$40,000.00 bail for causing death while operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. In all, 3 prisoners were flown between Las Vegas, Fallon, and Carson City.

4 days were set aside for Line Patrol this month. 3 missions were cancelled because of weather. A total of 10 motorists were assisted during line patrol/enforcement duties.

Between January 14 and January 24 the Las Vegas experienced a wave of cold fronts that brought inclement weather to the Las Vegas area. In fact, record rainfalls were recorded. More rain fell during this period than all of last year combined. As a result, enforcement missions were cancelled as well. 11 were scheduled, 7 were flown. Despite the weather, a total of 320 enforcement actions were taken.

Central Command

On January 7, while on a prisoner transport, I was advised over the radio that an aircraft was down in the Winnemucca area near I-80. I proceeded to Winnemucca and located the aircraft on the interstate right of way, south of I-80 at mile marker 178. Trooper Johnny Peoples was already on the scene of the incident when I arrived. I circled the area several times and observed significant damage to the aircraft which appeared to have made a forced landing on rough terrain with cut brush and a large embankment to the north. The pilot, and sole occupant, was not injured. The incident was documented and turned over to the FAA for investigation.

Northern Command

The aircraft was out of service January 11 through the 14th for a progressive OPS 2 maintenance inspection.

3 days of scheduled Badge on Board enforcement with commercial personnel was postponed until February.
